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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a method of killing a Fas⁺ tumor cell comprising introducing into a second tumor cell a nucleic acid encoding a Fas ligand (FasL), whereby the second tumor cell expresses the nucleic acid thereby producing FasL, and whereby interaction of the Fas⁺ tumor cell with the second tumor cell expressing FasL causes the Fas⁺ tumor cell to undergo apoptosis, thereby killing the Fas⁺ tumor cell